## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 13 and 24 as shown below in the listing of claims.

## **List of Claims**

- 1-11. Cancelled.
- 12. (Original) A method of treating a patient for atherosclerosis comprising: administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: oxidized all-trans retinoic acid; oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid and reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method of elaims claim 12, wherein said compound is administered to said patient at a daily dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is oxidized all-trans retinoic acid.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid.
- 16. (Original)—The method of claim 12, wherein said compound is reduced 4-oxo retinoic acid.
- 17-23. Cancelled.
- 24. (Currently amended) A method of preventing the formation of treating atherosclerotic lesions in a patient undergoing a heart transplantation, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound selected\_from\_the\_group\_consisting\_of:\_oxidized\_all-trans retinoic acid; oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid; and reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.

- 25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered oxidized all-trans retinoic acid.
- 26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered 9-cis retinoic acid.
- 27. (Previously presented) The method of 24, wherein said patient is administered reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein said compound is administered at a dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg.
- 29. (Previously presented) The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein the heart being transplanted is treated with said compound prior to surgery.
- 30. (Previously presented) A method of treating a patient for atherosclerosis, comprising: administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: 18-hydroxy-retinoic acid; 4-hyroxy-retinoic acid; 4-oxo-retinoic acid; and 3,4-didehydro-retinoic acid.